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THE MESSAGE AND AGREED THAT MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO PRESS

THE CHRISTIANS AND LEBANON'S ARAB NEIGHBORS.

- 2. LABOULAYE NOTED THAT THE MARONITE PATRIARCH WILL VISIT PARIS LATE THIS MONTH IN CONNECTION WITH A TRIP HE IS MAKING TO A VATICAN MEETING, AND THAT GISCARD PROBABLY WILL RECEIVE HIM. THE FRENCH INTEND TO COUNSEL MODERATION AND FLEXIBILITY TO THE PATRIARCH, WHOSE INFLUENCE OVER THE MARONITE COMMUNITY THE FRENCH CONSIDER TO BE IMPORTANT.
- 3. LABOULAYE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD URGE SYRIA, IRAQ AND THE PALESTINIANS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR FRIENDS IN LEBANON TO MODERATION. (ANOTHER HIGH QUAI OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT IRAQ APPEARS NOT TO BE MAKING MISCHIEF IN THE CURRENT LEBANESE CRISIS.)
- 4. IN WHAT WAS PROBABLY MORE A CONVERSATIONAL THAN A SERIOUS VEIN, LABOULAYE ASKED WHAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD THINK ABOUT AN EVENTUAL INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION IN WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, AMERICAN, SOVIET AND FRENCH SOLDIERS WOULD PARTICIPATE. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT BUT THAT HE WOULD RECALL THE VIGOROUS U.S. REACTION WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE PREPARING TO SEND TROOPS TO EGYPT DURING THE YOM KIPPOUR WAR.

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